Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

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Regular Society Meeting Nights Now on 4th Wednesdays

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Society has changed its regular bi-monthly meetings from the third Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday of our regular meeting months: September, November, January, March and May.

After several years of the previous schedule, conflicts within the board's schedules and conflicts with other organizations have made it simpler to just change out regular public meeting nights.

Please mark your calendars for meetings on Sept. 24 and Nov. 26 of 2003 and Jan. 28, Mar. 24 and May 26 of 2004.

Cemetery Tour Draws Large Crowd

This year's tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on June 28th drew a large number of attendees under a hot morning sun. Tour guides John Hennes, Bob Frazier, Del Loder, Kim Turner and Bruce Jones led a crowd of more than 70 over a new course covering just the south end of the cemetery.

Bob Frazier (L) addresses some participants at the June 28th annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. A large crowd was present.

Our Electric Trolley Heritage
Wed. Sept. 24, 7:30 pm

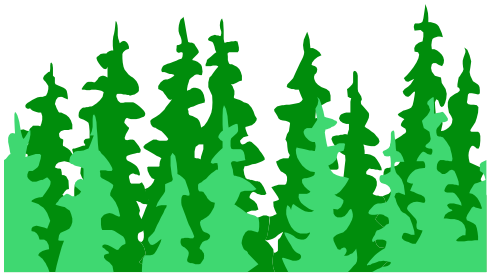
Junius Rochester will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society on September 24, 7:30 PM at McClure Middle School, First West and West Crockett.

Rochester will speak on the early street car systems of Seattle and focus on the Queen Anne Counterbalance. He is a native Seattleite and a long time resident of Madrona/Denny Blaine (although he did live for a time with his parents on Queen Anne). He is the author of five books, numerous articles, is past president of the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild, and former regional historian for KUOW-FM. He is also a Contributing Editor to HistoryLink (www.historylink.org), the Pacific Northwest's premier history web site. Rochester gives talks on Pacific Northwest topics and serves as guest historian aboard cruise ships in Alaska's Inside Passage and on the Columbia-Snake River system. He will bring copies of his latest book, "THE LAST GREAT ELECTRIC TROLLEY," and will be glad to personally autograph copies.

Join your neighbors at our next public meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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Membership Notice

NOTICE! Our membership year ends each May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows *(2003EXP)* it means your membership has ended and it is time for you to renew**. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now! We value your support.

Our thanks to those who have already renewed.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at

Calendar of

Notice that QAHS Meetings are Now the 4th Wed. of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. and May.

Wed. Sept. 24, 2003
Program: The Last Great Electric Trolley, by Junius Rochester. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

Wed. Nov. 26, 2003
Program: Bill Knight (retired Seattle P-I Sports Editor) talks about his grandfather, Will E. Hudson, the first Pathe news-reel cameraman in the West. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

December, 2003
Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Our annual contest for beautiful holiday lighting on Queen Anne. Prizes for best residences both on and off the "Boulevard."

Wed. Jan. 28, 2004
Program: Rebuilding Seattle after the Great Fire and architectural styles on Queen Anne Hill, by Jeffrey Karl Ochsner. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm.

Denny's Log Cabin Needs Your Help

by Robert Frazier

The Denny log cabin stood for many years on the southwest corner of Queen Anne Ave. N. and W. Republican St., where the Mediterranean Inn is today. It had originally served as the David Denny Real Estate office, then as a Sunday School for St. Paul's Episcopal and later as Green's Tavern. In 1966 it was moved to a shopping mall in Federal Way and today is located on S. 348th St, 0.9 miles west of I-5. It is under the care of the Federal Way Historical Society.

That society is now planning to install doors and windows, replace two of the logs, put in a floor and outfit the interior as an interpretive center. They've already raised the money and are preparing to start work.

Volunteers from Queen Anne are invited to join work parties and to help plan the interior. This is a great opportunity to be involved with one of Queen Anne's most memorable structures. To help, call Bob Frazier at 206-285-0952.

Tour guide John Hennes may look like a baseball umpire ("you're outta here"), but he's just pointing out a feature of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery during the June 28th tour. Owners Loretta and Bill Edwards continue to support our tours and our research on interesting grave sites.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Heritage News

Redevelopment of Old John Hay School Yard Underway

The redesign and rebuilding of the school playground at the old John Hay facility, now the Bilingual Orientation Center, is well along, reports Paul Lepley of Friends of Old Hay (FOH).

The large chess board is complete, pavers are in place and the basketball court is expected to finish in two weeks. Plantings are not yet in and some of that work is expected to last on into the next year.

The changes can be seen by walking by the school yard at 4th Avenue North and Boston St.

For more information, contact Paul Lepley of FOH at 206-284-3994 or at *mlepley@seanet.com*

E-Mail Addresses Wanted

We would like to notify our members of special heritage events that do not fit our newsletter schedule.

If we had a reliable set of e-mail addresses we could send notices, at least to those who have e-mail. Some of you have given us addresses at various events or when renewing memberships, but many of those are no longer valid. We all seem to change e-mail addresses frequently.

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of programs we think are of direct interest to our members, please send your current address to **QAHS <info@qahistory.org>**. *This list will be used only for notices and will not be given to anyone else.*

Will Old John Hay Get a New Paint Job?

The original John Hay frame building at 2100 4th Ave N was designed by noted school architect James Stephen in 1905. It is part of the Bilingual Orientation Center mentioned above.

Every passerby is aware of the deteriorating condition of the exterior, especially the window frames and the lack of paint.

There is an effort underway to get a proposal for painting the school into the next Seattle School Levy vote, in 2004. The Friends of Old Hay have pursued this with the district, as have former graduates of John Hay, thus far to no avail.

This building is landmarked and is a classic example of Stephen's work. Lawrence Kreisman in his book, "Made to Last—Historic Preservation in Seattle and King County", describes it as "particularly meritorious for its honest expression of function and lack of eclecticism."

Contact your School Board to support this proposal.

Historical Society Officers Chosen

New Board members were elected at the May annual meeting. New officers were chosen at the June Board meeting. The new board and officers are listed on page 2.

President for 2003-2004 is Bruce Jones. Bruce lives on Queen Anne and works for IBM downtown. He has been on the board for the past two years. He currently also runs our Society's web site. **Vice President is Isabel Egglin,** long time board member. **Holly Smith** continues as Secretary and **Will Shopes** continues as Treasurer.

The President's Desk
by Bruce Jones

A new season is upon us (after a wonderful 50+ days of reaching 70 degrees or higher!) and with it our Society begins its new year. But first let me say thank you to our outgoing President, Bob Frazier, who served us very well these past two years. And thanks too, to all of you who volunteered to help us on our mission of preservation. Many of you helped with the recent surveys of the hill, while others assisted as trustees for the Society. We know there is great interest in our history (as evidenced by the turnout at our annual Mt. Pleasant tour last June). And if we don't document it and work to preserve it, who will?

We look forward to our first upcoming meeting, (see p. 1). Don't forget we're now meeting on the **fourth** Wednesday of the month this year—same time, same place. We hope to see you there.

And lastly, I must tell you about Martha Mae Doubt. Martha came by one day this summer, knocked on our door, and announced "I grew up in this house." We were delighted to see her—she had many wonderful stories to tell about the house, the surrounding street, and Queen Anne, one of which you can hear on our *qahistory.org* website. Our latest "then" picture from our "Then and Now" series is from Martha's collection. Drop by and give us a view.

Perhaps you have historical information about your home and wish to share it with us. We'd love to keep a copy in our archives. Just contact any of our trustees.

So 'til next time, I am, sincerely,

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

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Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual $15 ___ Patron $50 - $199
___ Family $20 ___ Benefactor $200 & up
___ Student/Senior $8 ___ Contribution only, $_____

___ I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society,*

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.
I understand that shipping costs will be added.

Prices are:
Soft cover: $25
($20 for members)
Hard cover: $45
($40 for members)

Please send me the following:
Soft cover qty:____
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***Coming up*: Electric Trolleys on the Sept. 24th Program.**
Note that this is the 4th Wednesday, our new regular meeting day.

The Society wants to thank all those community volunteers who have contributed so much to Queen Anne by their participation in the Historic Resource Survey now in work.

Kim's Musings

History Lesson (QA 101)

There are times when the best of historians lose their air of indifference to a fact or set of facts. Particularly when a packet of personal papers, letters, documents and pamphlets relating to a favorite area are acquired as a gift from a friend. This happened to me at an unexpected place—Gig Harbor! There I was given a box of "stuff" from the clearing out of a friend's home in Shoreline.

Among this material was a packet of letters and deeds, documents, property transfers and related items from a Mr. Jennings. The area involved was in Thomas Mercer's Second Addition to the City of Seattle. This is, of course, on the southeast slope of Queen Anne Hill. It will take a while to find out the exact spot, as I had no real estate map to look at while the library was closed, but will remedy that this week.

Among other small treasures in the box is an 1892 map of Seattle in relatively fine condition. There are other maps, love letters, and other correspondence. This will all take time to sort through, but it was a gift to me from a friend who knows the sort of items that pique my interest.

I also consider this a wake-up call for us all—do you know what will happen to your personal items of possible historic value? Remember, there are organizations 'out there' who are willing to house your personal items relating to Queen Anne and the Seattle community, as well as for other parts of the country. If you are a recent arrival in Seattle, think of the items you have dealing with the place from which you emigrated.

These are of historical value! Remember this when you think of disposing them. Much of the 'grass roots' history is forever lost to future generations because the owner did not realize the significance of the material. Although there are many people who recognize the need for preservation of things from the past, they fail to recognize themselves as curators of such things.

Hope your summer has been pleasant. I would like SOME rain....

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair 2003-04

Remember Seattle's streetcars? Some of us do, but many know them only from books. Check out the Society's web site at *qahistory.org*. There you will find some information and an interesting 1910 map of Queen Anne streetcar lines.

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society? Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.